

Types of Chapters

Before you begin, you need to know what type of HOSA chapter you will sponsor. No two HOSA chapters are exactly alike, beginning with the chapter structure. Here are a few examples of different types of HOSA chapters.

Comprehensive High School - Single Advisor

Most HOSA chapters are at traditional high schools with a Health Science program. The teacher serves as the HOSA chapter advisor. All students enrolled in the health science program are chapter members. Students not enrolled in the program who plan to pursue a health career can also join the HOSA chapter.

Magnet School or Technical Center - Multiple Advisors

At the secondary (high school) and postsecondary (college) levels in magnet schools, community colleges, or technical centers, there are often multiple instructors in a variety of programs. An instructor may group all of his/her students as one HOSA chapter. Sometimes, all of the students in a specific program (for example, dental assisting students) may organize under one HOSA chapter with multiple advisors. Sometimes, an entire school may form one HOSA chapter with many different advisors.

Health Industry-based Chapter

An AHEC, hospital, or community-based organization can form a HOSA chapter. The key is that students in the HOSA chapter are planning to pursue a health career. Industry-based chapters provide excellent opportunities for students at private schools or schools that do not offer health science education. Colleges or schools without a health science program can also form a HOSA chapter. All you need is a faculty or staff member to serve as the chapter advisor and dues-paying members who plan to pursue a health career. No matter how you organize your HOSA chapter, remember that:

- Each chapter must have a dues-paying chapter advisor.
- Only affiliated HOSA chapters can call themselves "HOSA" or use the online resources available to HOSA members.